

Smart ticket

2238. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ASI has now decided to embrace the 21 st century by opting for a smart ticket;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the aims and objectives for such a move?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to introduce "Smart Ticket" at centrally protected monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Development of Khatkakalan as Tourist destination

†2239. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have developed/decided to develop the ancestral village called Khatkakalam of immortal Martyr Bhagat Singh as a Tourist destination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not taking initiatives by Government to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of the great martyr Bhagat Singh as centenary year; and
- (d) whether Government will formulate any special scheme to immortalize the memory of this great patriot and martyr?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and(b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 35.39 lakh has been sanctioned during the year 2006-07 for Khatkakalan town under the Project-Integrated Development of 'Freedom Trail Punjab Tourism Circuit' in the State of Punjab for Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 784.45 lakh. The component of Khatkakalan Town covers leveling of internal roads, pathways, drains,

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